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**Minimum Standards for Product Labelling under Article 23 and Labelling shall  
Accurately reflect Logbook Records under Article 24**

**Background**

There are currently no minimum standards for product labelling in the NCEM. The lack of a standard has resulted in labels having information that is not legible. Also labels have fallen off the packaging or the original date of capture label has been covered with an additional label.

To ensure that product can be inspected properly it is recommended that minimum standards on product labelling be introduced to the NCEM.

The mislabeling of catch limits the ability for NAFO inspectors to reconcile catch in the hold with what is recorded by the Master. The mislabeling of catch has also resulted in catch being mis-recorded, particularly in the case of the 3L/3M Shrimp fisheries where the date of capture is required. For greater clarity of the measures, and given the direct correlation with mis-recording, it is recommended that the labeling of product shall be accurately recorded in the daily production and fishing logbooks. It should also be recognized that the inaccurate labelling of product should be considered a serious infringement of the measures.

**Proposed Amendments**

**Amend Article 23 by adding the following text.**

Labels shall be securely affixed, stamped or written on packaging and be of a size that can be clearly read by inspectors in the normal course of their duties. Labels shall be clearly marked in ink on a contrasting background. Each package shall not contain more than one product category. In the case of shrimps harvested in Divisions 3L and 3M and Greenland halibut harvested in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO each package shall only contain one stock area. In the case of shrimps each package shall only contain one date of capture.

**Amend Article 24.2 by adding the following text.**

Catches and Product labelled in accordance with Article 23 shall be accurately recorded in the daily production logbook and the daily fishing logbook.